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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

REF: MURPHY/MALMBORG TELCON

1. MR. MURPHY REPORTED THAT MAGISTRATE IN VESCO EXTRADITION ORDERED U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES OUT OF SEATING IN COURT ROOM DIRECTLY BEHIND U.S. COUNSEL IN EXTRADITION PROCEEDING AND MADE SEATS AVAILABLE FOR PRESS. THIS EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDES CONSULTATION WITH AND INSTRUCTIONS TO U.S. COUNSEL BY MAJOR PORTION U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION.

2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO MEMBERS U.S. REPRESENTATION ARE STILL SEATED WHERE THEY MAY CONSULT AND INSTRUCT IN RAPID MOVING COURT ROOM SITUATION RESULT OF MAGISTRATE'S ORDER IS TO SERIOUSLY HANDICAP U.S. PRESENTATION OF ITS CASE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MURPHY IS APPROACHING AMBASSADOR TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ADDERLEY ABOUT THIS SITUATION AND CONCUR THAT U.S. DISPLEASURE ABOUT APPARENT ATTEMPT BY MAGISTRATE TO MAKE THE U.S. PRESENTATION MORE DIFFICULT SHOULD BE EXPRESSED.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MURPHY THAT VESCO DEFENSE IS PROVIDED FULL COURT ROOM FACILITIES FOR ATTORNEYS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDES IN SHARP CONTRAST ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTION WITH RESPECT TO U.S. REPRESENTATION. MURPHY HAS POINTED OUT THAT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE THERE REPRESENTING U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON ADDERLEY'S RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S DISCUSSION ON THE PROBLEM. RUSH

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